

S-450
James Johnson House
Upper Hill
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JAMES JOHNSON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-450

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-450

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

James Johnson House

2. Location

street & number 8218 Upper Hill Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Upper Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object**Ownership**☐ public
☒ private
☐ both**Public Acquisition**☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress**Accessible**☐ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☐ no**Present Use**☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James and Margaret Johnson

street & number P. O. Box 315 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code MD 21868

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 170

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 187

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

date

pository for survey records

state

city, town

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one
☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one
☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The James Johnson house is located at 8218 Upper Hill Road in the historic black community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1900, this two-story, two-bay side hall/parlor frame dwelling rests on a low masonry foundation, and the exterior is uniformly clad with vinyl siding over plain weatherboards. The medium sloped gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear is a long two-story service wing.

The east (main) facade is a two-bay elevation with an enclosed hip roof porch sheltering the entire first floor. The second floor is lighted by two single-pane sash windows. Rising through the roof is an off-center single-flue brick chimney.

The north and south gable ends are largely alike with a single one-over-one sash window on each floor.

The west side of the single-pile main block is largely covered by a two-story rear dining room and kitchen wing that appears to have been built in two stages. A gable roof addition, perpendicular to the original wing, extends westward and is wider than the front section. An enclosed shed roofed porch, built on the south side of the rear wing, fills the space between the main block and the rear addition.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

and/or Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Acreage of nominated property
Quadrangle

Quadrangle name

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Quadrangle scale

A  Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code

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11. Form Prepared By code

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
organization	Private Consultant

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

date 6 / 5 / 95

city or town Westover

telephone 410-651-1094

state MD 21871

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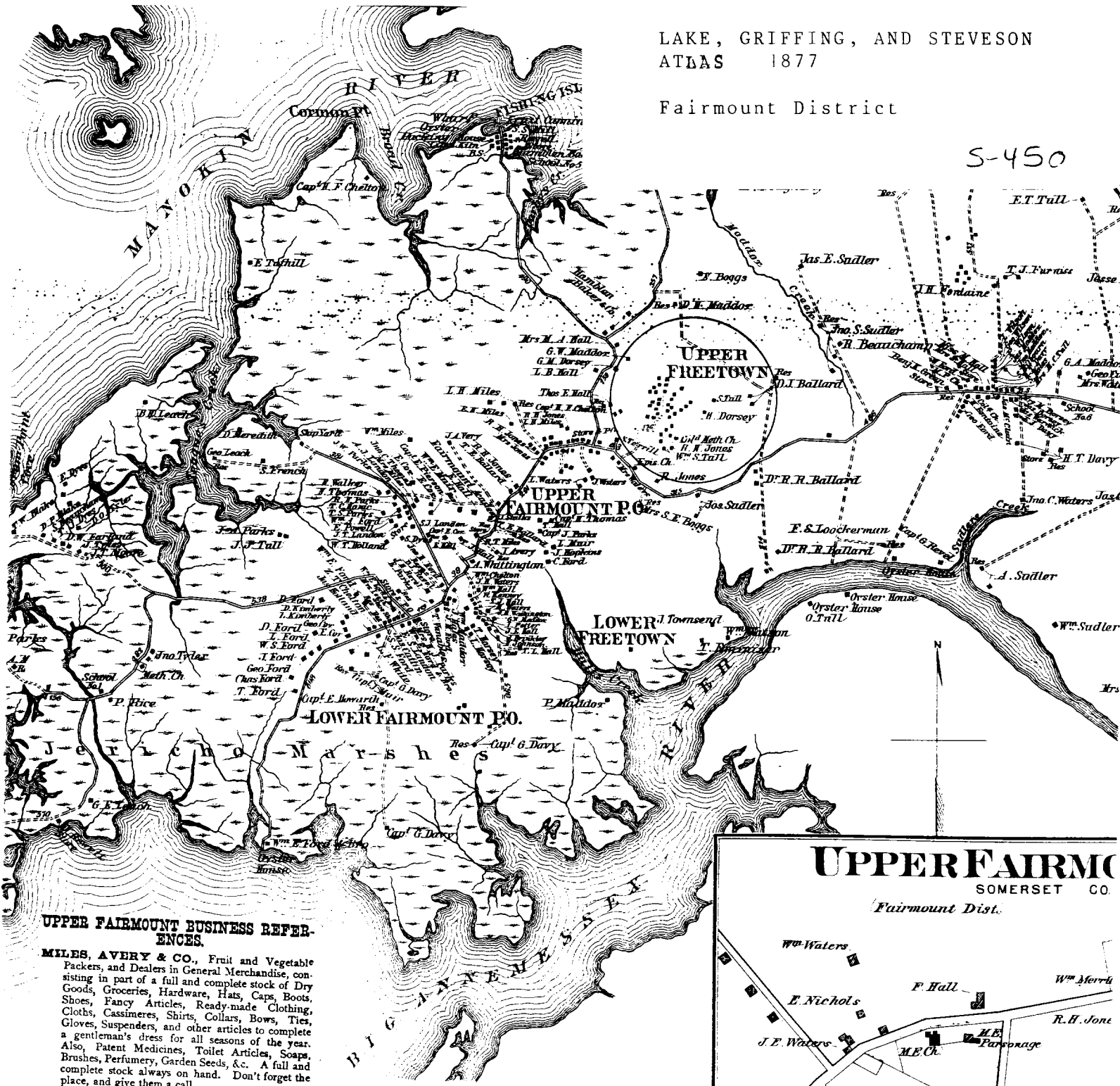
James Johnson House
8218 Upper Hill Road

Somerset County Tax Map 39
Parcel 79

LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVESON ATLAS 1877

Fairmount District

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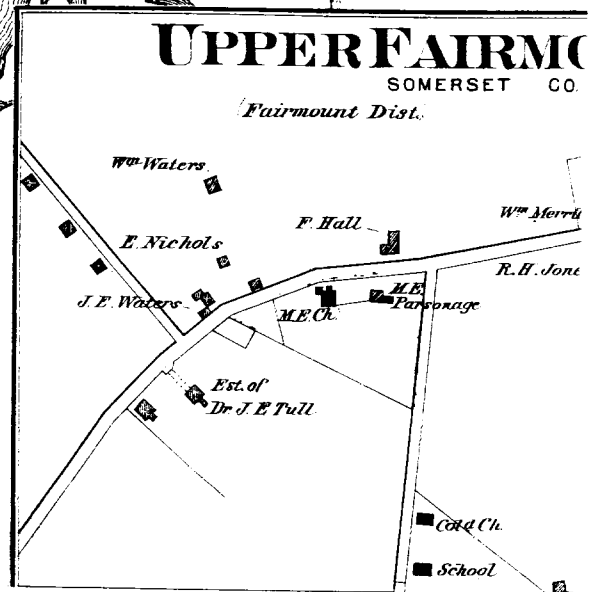


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MARYLAND-SOMERS
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JAMES JOHNSON HOUSE
8218 Upper Hill Road

Marion, Maryland Quadrangle
1972





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Lance Johnson House

Upper Hill, Somerset County, MD

Northwest Elevation

5/95, Paul Tourtel, PHOTOGRAPHER

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